

of his products. It would be greatly to the advantage of every class if it were possible, for the agricultural workers in this country to finance their operations at a lower expense and to be confident at all times of ability to get funds for any development work.

The President points out to the governors that this must be a state movement and urges that identical laws be passed by all the states establishing co-operative farmers' credit systems, which he believes to be much more assuring of good results than any government-aided project can possibly be. It is, of course, a difficult matter to obtain identical state laws on any subject. Efforts have been made repeatedly in the past to insure such enactment by the legislatures, but without result. But the foundation of Interstate law of this character has been laid in the institution of annual meetings of the governors, and it is quite possible that this proposition, so vitally affecting the welfare of the people at large, and as individuals, will appeal so strongly to the state executives at their next meeting in December that they will proceed with all their energy and determination to labor for the enactment of some form of co-operative farmers' credit system. It is of really less moment at this time that the modes adopted by the states should be identical than that a start be made toward state regulated but not state aided agricultural financing methods. In any case the President has laid before the country, through the governors, in convincing form, a proposition which calls for early action.

Familiarity and the Stump.

After a particularly hearty greeting by a large crowd the other day, Mr. Wilson said: "I like to see the enthusiasm of the plainest of men as they approach me, for I consider that the deepest compliment I can be paid, and when they call me 'Kid' and 'Woody,' and all the rest, I know that I am all right."

"Campaign stuff," Nothing else, and painful in the case of a man like Mr. Wilson. It tells against him in several ways. It shows the awkwardness of the amateur in politics. It suggests insincerity in the man. It is that sort of stooping to conquer which may take an embarrassing form for the conquered when the conqueror gets firm hold of his scepter.

Of course Mr. Wilson does not relish being addressed in public as "Doc," or "Kid," or "Woody." He has always carried himself well in public, and for years has held places of dignity and honor. As an instructor of youth he has enjoyed a large share of deference, and must have come to love it. As an author he has taken high rank for serious work, and been acclaimed a man of thought and research. How, therefore, can he relish the backslapping and the nomenclature of the curbstone, or the barroom?

Politics is not a stiff or solemn business. In conversation and in writing about political leaders we have always indulged ourselves freely. Diminutives, affectionate or otherwise, and sobriquets have played a part in our campaign. But did anybody ever address Gen. Taylor as "Old Rough and Ready"? Or Mr. Lincoln as "Old Abe"? Even Mr. Roosevelt, whose boyish spirits have seemed to invite familiarity, has drawn the line in personal communication; Henry Cabot Lodge, in the days of their intimacy, never called him "Teddy," but always Theodore to his face.

No, Mr. Wilson, we may all be sure, does not like being addressed as "Doc," or "Kid," or "Woody." He does not look the part, and does not respond well to such salutations. And he should, and probably does, know that plain men of self-respect and worth cultivating do not indulge in any such cheap tricks. They approach a leader, not only with the proper appreciation of his position, but with the respect that he respects himself as much as they respect him. Any familiarity or horseplay on his part toward them would disgust them.

But Mr. Wilson is new at the game, and being in the midst of a great hullabaloo necessarily makes some mistakes. This is one.

Chicago gave Gov. Wilson an enthusiastic reception. That city does not insist on limiting its attention to the parties that brought in the biggest hotel business at convention time.

Col. Roosevelt has been the affable subject of so much satire that he ought as a matter of simple gratitude to command a large section of the country's humorist vote.

One reason why New York city statesmen do not often get far in national politics is that the Tammany problem is harder to solve than the tariff problem.

Having recovered from his surprise at being back in Matkawan, Harry Thaw is doubtless engaged in his usual occupation of making plans to leave.

An imported theatrical star is always confronted by considerable difficulty in finding plays that are as interesting as the press agent's stories.

Election night will arrive at just about the time when the curbstone vocalist has retired from the effects of cheering the world's series.

Turkey can always be depended on to live up in time to give the one best Thanksgiving joke a proper stage setting.

October weather has provided a vindication for the man who had enough moral courage to hang on to his straw hat.

The Finest Days.

In April and May we are prone to think that the fair days of that season are the finest of the year. In October, however, we are quite of a different opinion, and cannot be persuaded that even the loveliest of April or May days can equal the glories and comforts and joys of autumn. These last few days, though a bit warm for the heavier clothing that has been put on against the earlier chills, are nevertheless ideal in all respects as affects the comfort and pleasure of the season. It is out of doors or who take advantage of occasional leisure to get into the country. The leaves are turning now, and the parks and woods are showing rich colors that defy art for reproduction. There is a haze in the air that lends the glamour of mystery to the landscape. The sun is warm, but not overpowering, and the trees drop from their staffs without much motion in the still air. There is a sense of restfulness in it all, as though a hard work had been accomplished and a time to relax had come. Yet for most people, especially in the cities, this is the season following vacation, when a new working year is started. Nature, however, is winding up her affairs for this present round of productivity. Harvests are being gathered and the golden store put aside or marketed. The trees, having given shade to humanity during the heated term, are dropping their leaves, their task accomplished for the present. Now is the time, in truth, when one could most effectively and harmoniously stop work and recuperate from the ardors of toil. The so-called fever that taints the blood with the lush germ in the spring always seems

misplaced. The autumn is the real resting season. Certainly days like these are strongly tempting to those who have the delights of the open road and the wide-stretching fields and softly tinted woods.

China fails to see why it should persist in the opium habit merely for the sake of holding up the market for one of India's chief products.

The public admonition to register puts in its annual appearance just a little ahead of the appeal to shop early.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Creditors.

"Bilgins says he owes everything to his wife."

"That isn't true," replied Bilgins' father-in-law. "His wife cut lending him anything years ago and then he started in owing me."

Avoiding Mental Confusion.

"Of course you think very carefully about what you are going to say in a speech."

"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "you want to be cautious about thinking too carefully. You are liable to discover arguments that are not on your side of the question."

The hardest part of many a job of work is the preliminary sitting around wishing you didn't have to do it.

Cheers.

The public has a kindly way. It dearly loves to shout "Hooray!" But off the startled statesman notes it gives kind words instead of votes.

Couldn't Be Done.

"So you will agree that women have greater powers of persuasion than men?"

"Yes, Henrietta," replied Mr. Meekton. "No man could go out and buy five or six hundred dollars' worth of silk hats and suits of clothes and satisfy his wife with the explanation that he wanted to make himself more attractive in her eyes."

Exchanging Indorsements.

"What I object to," said Mr. Dustin Stax, "is the fact that you campaign gentlemen don't reciprocate with any enthusiasm when I contribute to your fund."

"How can you say so?" rejoined the energetic worker. "You indorse our policies, don't you?"

"I suppose so."

"And we in turn are willing to indorse any number of checks that you may draw in our favor."

The Exchange.

A man there was whose merit great Had won him a position high. He led his life in simple state.

His neighbors viewed with kindly eye His prosperous home where smiling health Made his existence all serene, Nor envied him the share of wealth Which he had gained by methods clean.

Of care he did not feel a trace, Till politicians hurried out To nominate him for a place.

He really did not care about. They said "You are the man to beat The opposition's wicked game And send their cohorts to defeat And thus secure Immortal Fame!"

His happy home is all awry; He shakes his fist and wants to fight; He reads the papers with a sigh And often stays out late at night, While those who put him on the track Which they described as strewn with flowers

In comfort now are sitting back To criticize his running powers.

King of Montenegro.

From the Boston Transcript.

The King of Montenegro, Nicholas I, reigns over only about 250,000 people, while the area of his kingdom is less than half that of Massachusetts. Nevertheless, in apparent defiance of the odds, he throws down the gage of battle to Turkey, declares war against the Ottoman empire and seeks to hold across the border. Possibly this defiance is only in appearance, for King Nicholas is related by marriage to at least two of the powers. He has one son-in-law who is King of Italy, two who are Russian grand dukes and one who is of the Battenberg family. His oldest daughter-in-law is of the Mecklenburg-Strelitz line. Altogether King Nicholas may know more of the private minds of some of the powers than other people do. Moreover, he may feel that with so many august personages interested in seeing that no great harm comes to Montenegro he is justified in a bold policy; the consequences of which to him may not be as painful in the worst extremity as they would be to a sovereign who had not such distinguished matrimonial affiliations in his family.

Wagons and Automobiles Alike.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.

The city council has passed an ordinance requiring horse-drawn vehicles, as well as automobiles, to stop when coming to a street car that is taking on or discharging passengers. Alderman Captain, author of the ordinance, is quoted as saying: "By placing all vehicles on the same footing we cannot be accused of passing class legislation and it will have a tendency to correct many traffic evils." This is sound reasoning, which ought to appeal to the public's sense of justice. When a street car stops at a crossing, passengers alighting from it go across the street in two directions. Those passing behind the car may be struck by any vehicle moving opposite to the direction of the car. A heavy team so moving may be as dangerous to pedestrians as an automobile.

The Practical Issue.

From the New York Times.

After all the noise that has been raised as to the "progressive" doctrines of this or that party, the tariff remains the practical issue in the campaign. An experienced observer, returning from an extended tour only this week, remarked: "The only thing men are talking about in earnest is the tariff. For or against, substantially all the voters are lining up on that issue." And why not? It is the only issue that can be directly and effectively dealt with in the election. It is a national issue, it can be disposed of by Congress and the President. It involves perfectly clear principles, which there will be no difficulty in applying by whichever party wins power. It is an issue that intimately concerns the entire community and every family in it.

Spendthrifts!

From the Cleveland Leader.

If ball players who get into the world's championship games this year do not save money they are hopeless wasters.

Smart Alecks.

From the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Even in base ball affairs there are bores who will slap you on the back—after they have learned how the game is run—resulted—and chortle: "I told you so!"

The Sidestepper.

From the Philadelphia North American.

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